

SCHIP SECTION 1115 WAIVER

States... under this category have implemented an SCHIP 1115 demonstration program that includes an eligibility expansion.

Section 1115 of the Social Security Act grants the Secretary of Health and Human Services broad authority to waive certain laws relating to Medicaid or SCHIP for the purpose of conducting pilot, experimental or demonstration projects which are "likely to promote the objectives" of the program. Section 1115 demonstration waivers allow states to change provisions of their Medicaid or SCHIP programs, including: eligibility requirements; the scope of services available; the freedom to choose a provider; a provider's choice to participate in a plan; the method of reimbursing providers; and the statewide application of the program. Demonstration waivers are granted for research purposes, to test a program improvement, or investigate an issue of interest to HCFA. Projects must usually include a formal research or experimental methodology and provide for an independent evaluation. Most projects run for a limited time, no more than 5 years, and are usually not renewable.

State	Name of Program	Effective	Eligible Population
New Jersey	FamilyCare	1/18/01	Parents 100% - 200% FPL; Pregnant women 185% - 200% FPL
Rhode Island	RIte Care	1/18/01	Parents 100% - 185% FPL; Pregnant women 185% - 250% FPL
Wisconsin	BadgerCare	1/18/01	Parents 100% - 185% FPL

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